

Parents and Children.

Prof. Felix Adler, in the course of a lecture said that the gift of children tended to moral elevation. The man who desired to see his children grow up better than himself would not fail to improve his own life and character, so as to present a good example. If a parent sought to curb the angry passions of a child, that parent would most carefully guard against any ebullition of temper, such as would set an evil example. If it was sought to have the children avoid slander, no encouragement at the table or in the parlor would be given to those who meet only to rend their neighbor's character. Avoided would be the feasts of those moral cannibals who feed upon the reputations of others.

The moral nature and individuality of children, Professor Adler continued, should be carefully studied and respected. They are, it is true, bone of our bone and flesh of our flesh, but we are only the channels through which the river of life is transmitted to them. Some parents make a point of trying to mould their children into reproductions of themselves. But every child has a right to its own individuality. For instance, if a boy shows a talent for art it is a grave question whether it is wise for the boy's father to say: "Oh, I don't want my boy to be a painter; I mean him to be a lawyer." Or, again, a youth shows an intense passion for study, but a friend of the father has an opening in his counting house, and so the instincts of genius are sacrificed to the dollar. Thus the individuality of that life is destroyed and the particular message with which it was intrusted to deliver to the world is lost.

In conclusion the speaker dwelt upon the reverence and love due from children to their parents. As an instance of filial devotion he cited the case of the young fireman who lost his life at the fire in College Place, New York. As he fell from the ladder to the icebound pavement below he was heard to exclaim, "Oh, my poor mother!" His one thought in that dreadful moment was for his mother. How many men there were whose heads were gray and the tenderest recollection in whose career was the remembrance of the father who had guided and trained their steps in their earlier years, and the mother whose tender care had never been equalled by any one else on earth.

Legend of the Willow.

One day a golden-haired child, who lived where no trees or flowers grew, was gazing wistfully through the open gate of a beautiful park, when the gardener chanced to throw out an armful of dry cuttings. Among them the little girl discovered one with a tiny bud just starting. "Perhaps it will grow," she whispered to herself, and, dreaming of wide, cool boughs and fluttering leaves, she carried it carefully home, and planted it, in the darkness of a day after day she watched and tended it, and when by and by, another bud started, she knew that the slip had taken root. Years passed and the lonely home gave place to a pleasant mansion, and the narrow area widened into a spacious garden, where many a green tree threw its shadow. But the golden-haired child, now grown into a lovely maiden, the fairest and dearest of them all was the one she had so tenderly nourished. No other tree, she thought, cast such a cool, soft shade; in no other boughs did the birds sing so sweetly.

But while the tree lived and flourished the young girl drooped and faded. Sweeter and sadder grew the light in her blue eyes, till by and by God's angel touched them with a daimonic sleep. Loving hands crowned the white brow with myrtle, and under the branches she had loved laid her tenderly to rest.

But from that hour as if in sorrow for the one that tended it, the stately tree began drooping. Lower and lower, bent the sad branches, lower and lower, until they cussed the daisied mound that covered her form.

"See!" said the young companions, "the tree weeps for her who loved it."

And they called it the weeping willow.

Our Disappearing Forests.

The reckless improvidence with which the forests of this country are being destroyed is likely to bring its own punishment with it. Prof. Sargent's report upon the present condition of our forests has been published as part of the tenth census. From this it appears the loss from forest fires alone amounts to upwards of \$20,000,000 annually; the railways destroy upward of 30,000 fine young trees every year for ties; the frame houses, which form so characteristic a feature of an American landscape, use up the lumber from millions of acres annually. As yet no process of reparation has begun. We cut down, but we do not replant. The consequence is seen in the greater frequency of droughts and floods along our large rivers, the impaired fertility of the denuded soil and the increased cost of fuel and building material. The report shows that it is quite time to turn over a new leaf. We should husband carefully what we have left. It is the part of wisdom for every owner of a timber tract to cut understandingly and with reference to the future. A good twenty-acre timber lot can be made to last for centuries, all the time furnishing its annual cutting of fuel for the owner.—Chicago News.

A New Orleans paper refers editorially to the wonderful restoration to health of Mr. T. Posey, druggist, 225 Canal street, that city, who some time ago was prostrated by an excruciating attack of tetanic. After much suffering his wife applied St. Jacobs Oil, which cured him promptly and entirely.

The Eastern Shore.

ORRIS A. BROWN, Accomack, C. H., Va.

This fair region of the United States, which for so many years has been closed to the outer world, is now open through easy and rapid communication, both north and south, offering unsurpassed inducements to new settlers to make it a home, not only for business, but for pleasure. It is known as the Eastern Shore of Virginia, and is comprised of the two lower, or Virginian counties, which, with the Eastern Shore of Maryland and the State of Delaware, compose the Peninsula. It is seventy miles long, with an average width of ten miles, with Chesapeake Bay on the west, and the Atlantic Ocean on the east. Has numerous arms and inlets from both, extending into the main, and forming numbers of islands acting as breakwaters to the higher land. The salt air from the surrounding sea, and the warm temperature of the water in the Gulf Stream, make the climate milder and less liable to frost than other localities of lower latitude. Until recently, communication with other parts of the country has been by steamboats and sail vessels—a fine line of staunch steamers connecting us on the Bay side with Baltimore; these took the staple crops, the sweet and white potatoes, together with onions, peas, cabbages, asparagus and small fruits, to the markets of Baltimore and New York, bringing a return to the producers of a million and a half dollars.

In addition to these facilities, the building of the New York, Philadelphia and Norfolk Railroad with in the last year, from Delmar, on the dividing line between the States of Delaware and Maryland, to Cape Charles, at the mouth of Chesapeake Bay, and from thence making the city of Norfolk by a line of fast and elegant steamers, completes the chain of the great short line north and south, and lessens the time of travel some ten hours between New York and points south. The road is admirably located in these two counties, running down the centre, without ten feet of grade, and an air line, with rails of first-class steel, and an equipment not surpassed. It is said to be a prototype of the Pennsylvania Railroad, which insures its success and safe management.

The soil of this section is a light sandy loam, warm and easily tilled, rarely requiring more than one horse to follow the land; its subsoil is red clay. The crops grown are corn, oats, wheat, sweet and white potatoes. All the small fruits and garden vegetables come early and are prolific, with proper care, and now, with quick and competing transportation by steamboats and railroads to twenty millions of people in the north and west, this forgotten land must soon be converted into the market garden for the metropolitan cities of the country, and become to them in these products, what Florida (whose situation with reference to the influence from the salt water surrounding her is similar to our own), with her tropical fruits is to the rest of the United States.

The timber is principally the long leaf pine, the varieties of oak, hickory, walnut, poplar, chestnut, maple, dogwood and gum. The "shatter," or leaves from the pine, are used as absorbents for stables and cattle yards. Large quantities of manure used in growing the potato, are thus made. The lands are for the most part poor, the result of bad farming under the old slavery system, and a failure to adopt a proper system since the negroes were freed. There is, however, no soil that the writer has ever seen, that responds so readily to a little attention, and yields such handsome returns for the capital invested. Lands are for sale at various prices, from ten to fifty dollars per acre. The price, however, is no indication of the quality of the soil, but is fixed by the sentiment of the holder, and his peculiar preference or attachment to one locality over another, marking strongly the individuality of the original English settler, of whom these people are the oldest in the United States; retaining to a marked degree the quaint manners and expressions of the mother country a century and more ago.

The population numbers some thirty-three thousand, that of Accomack, the upper county, being twenty-four thousand four hundred and eight, of which fifteen thousand and fifteen are white, and nine thousand three hundred and ninety-three are black, an increase of thirty-one in the last named since 1870. About one-fifth of the population is engaged in planting oysters and fishing, from which a good living is always made. Churches are numerous, and public schools convenient, the system of which is prescribed and supported on a substantial bounty by the State government. Taxes are moderate, being ninety cents on the hundred dollars' worth of property, which is rated for taxes at about two-thirds of its cash value. Political freedom is a fact, founded on a fair count, and no one is proscribed for his political opinions. One of the strong Democratic towns elected a Republican (a leader of his party), for its Mayor, because he was a good and efficient man. The country roads are well located and naturally good. The healthfulness of the county is most excellent, a doctor finding it hard to live by his profession alone. In fact, there is nothing lacking here but people—new people, new blood, new ideas. We are as intelligent and industrious as most people, but we need new life to pull us out of the grooves and ruts, and turn us into different and more progressive channels.

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